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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: ROMANIAN VIP AIRCRAFT

REF: BUCHAREST 8905, 4051

1. DEPT REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING. FAA AND DOT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CLEAR OUR RESPONSE DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF UPCOMING RETROFIT RULE. ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE REGARDING TYPES OR MODELS OF AIRCRAFT TO BE INCLUDED IN RULE WOULD PRESUMABLY REACH BOEING, GIVING THEM A CONSIDERABLE LEG UP ON OTHER MANUFACTURERS.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT SPECULATE REGARDING CATEGORIES OF AIRCRAFT TO BE INCLUDED OR EXCLUDED FROM PROPOSED RULE. YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT VIP AIRCRAFT, IF USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND NOT FOR OPERATIONS INVOLVING TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY FOR COMPENSATION OR HIRE, HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN EXEMPT FROM REGULATIONS
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APPLYING TO OTHER CIVIL AIRCRAFT, BUT THIS MIGHT NOT BE

EXTENDED TO PRESENT REGULATIONS IN VIEW SENSITIVITY OF
AIRCRAFT NOISE ISSUE.

3. WE WILL PROVIDE MORE DEFINITIVE ANSWER, PROBABLY ALONG
ABOVE LINES, WHEN DOT AND FAA REACH FIRM POSITION. KISSINGER

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